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Fire Incident Report

Meridian Boundary Fire

May 24, 2010

7:00 a.m.

Incident Update 7

Media and Public Information Contact: DNRE Fire PIO 989-275-5151, ext. 2049

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Current Status

Meridian Fire

Location: South Branch Township, Crawford County

Size: 8,586 acres

Percent contained: 95 percent as of 6:00 p.m. May 22, 2010

Injuries/Deaths: None

Structures Destroyed/Damaged: 14 residences destroyed; 2 residences damaged
48 outbuildings destroyed or damaged

Evacuation Status: Entire fire area has been reopened. There is a potential for isolated barricades in areas where heavy equipment is in use to ensure firefighters' safety.

Range 9 Fire

Has been transferred to Incident Commander Paul Simmer of the Traverse City Management Unit. Contact Major Dawn Dancer, Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs, 517-481-8140 for further information.

Resources committed to incident

Command of the Meridian Boundary Fire was transferred to the Lower Peninsula Incident Management Team, Incident Commander Lee Osterland, on Sunday, May 23, 2010.

Total Personnel on fire: 40 from Department of Natural Resources and Environment and Volunteer Fire Departments.

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Weather

Rain showers dampened the fire on Saturday morning, allowing fire fighters to make gains in containing the fire and mop-up. Fire danger will increase for the next 5 days as temperatures soar into the mid-to-high 80s with humidity in the 30s. Winds will be generally light during the period.

Announcements/ Additional Information:

Stay alert! Large equipment remains in the area. For firefighter safety and yours, please drive carefully and with your lights on when traveling within the fire boundaries.

For further information, contact Ada Takacs, Public Information Officer, 989-275-5151 ext. 2049.

Maps/Pictures:

Maps, photos and more information can be found at the DNRE website at www.michigan.gov/dnre.